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## Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Name of Project: Dental Health Aide Therapist Training Program(DENTEX)	
Reporting Period: July 1,2008 to September 30,2008	
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Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.	
Signed by: <u>Ron Nagel</u> Dated <u>10/2/08</u>	

### 1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project:

The ANTHC Dental Health Aide Therapy Training Program (DENTEX) is a collaborative effort with the University of Washington's School of Medicine's MEDEX Northwest. DENTEX trains Dental Health Aide Therapist students in oral health care. These students, once certified will be deployed by their sponsoring Tribal Health Organization to a rural village clinic as DHATs.

### 2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

Students continued in the second year of this two-year training program in Bethel at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic. The Bethel training is largely clinical with lots of hands on patient care. In the Anchorage training center, the main focus is didactic classroom instruction and pre-clinical laboratory experience tailored to the subject matter they are learning at the time. During this period of time we have had instructors: Dr. Tony Brusca, Dr. Mark Davis and

Dr. Todd Smith, IHS National Periodontal consultant, provide training. The Anchorage students attended the ANTHC Tobacco Treatment Specialist training in September, a certificate course. A few of the Anchorage students have joined with the South Central Foundation Tribal program dental hygienists to perform exams and apply fluorides for head start students. The Bethel students participated in their first village dental travel going to Pilot Station with Dr. Brusca to provide services to people living in that village. The Bethel students also provided care in the senior center in Bethel as part of their community disease prevention projects. Dr. Albert Yee our Grant administrator from the Kellogg foundation visited July 9<sup>th</sup> and then he made additional site visits to Bethel and a village. We continued recruiting for our 3<sup>rd</sup> class which is to begin January 2009. Interviews for our 3<sup>rd</sup> class were conducted September 27<sup>th</sup>. A program retreat was held in September with the University of Washington and DENTEX staff in attendance discussing strategic initiatives. Dr. Williard and Mary Anaruk presented on the DHAT training program to the Pathways into Health Conference in early September. Carol Odinzoff presented at National Indian Health Board's meeting on September 22 in Ontario, California.

### 3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

We will present at the Alaska Federation of Native's Elders and Youth Convention and staff will be on hand to answer questions and take comments as well as recruit. On December 12<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque, New Mexico Ruth Ballweg of the University of Washington will present to the National Rural Health Association's Minorities Conference. Mary Anaruk and Dr. Williard will present at the Alaska Public Health Associations meeting in December as well. The Anchorage class will begin to do more clinical work with patients this next quarter. Dr. Mark Davis will be here from Florida teaching more tooth preparation skills. In Bethel the students are finishing their clinical work in preparation for graduation, held in Bethel December 9<sup>th</sup> and the more formal ceremony in Anchorage on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> ever graduation of this type of dental mid-level provider in the United States. During the Anchorage graduation ceremony certificates from UW will be given to the first year students signifying they have completed the first year of their training. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, the graduating students will give formal clinical case presentations and present reports about their community projects to faculty and the first year students.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

We have 4 students in their second year of the program at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic in Bethel and 6 in their first year of the program training at the UW DENTEX Training Center in Anchorage. 10 Students total.

b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

This grant was just awarded and it is a 2 year training program, so there are none certified to date from this grant.

(Please complete form below.)

5. Please complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/ Service	Type of Certification to be earned/earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
Chistochina Danielle Boston	DHAT	Two year Dental Health Aide Therapist training certificate	January 2007 to December 2008	December 12, 2008	Will work for Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium.
Yakutat Sheena Nelson	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for Yakutat Tribe.
Klawock Dan Kennedy	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for SEARHC.
Russian Mission Chris Evan	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation.
Bethel Tambre Guido	DHAT	Same as above	January 2008 to December 2009	December 2009	Will work for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health corporation.
Seward Ben Steward	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for TCC.
Elim	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for TCC.

Ooyuan Nagaruk		above	above	above	
Mountain Village  Bernadette Charles	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation.
New Stuyahok  Marian Petla	DHAT	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for Bristol Bay Health Corporation.
Atka  Tatiana Barracough	DHAT	Same as Above	Same as above	Same as above	Will work for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association.

Please copy and use another sheet if you need more spaces.

**6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project.**

Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope? Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

Currently our project is within budget and training is going well. The project scope and timeline are on target as well.

The curriculum is effective and the student's are earning grades appropriate to their progress. Our scope has remained the same; which is to train DHAT's over a 2 year course so they can return to work under their collaborative dentist in order to complete the final preceptorship to be certified Dental Health Aide Therapists. If there are students who need remediation of certain elements of the training, then there is a process committee set up to address that need and their tribal sponsors are involved in the process.

**7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)**

Throughout the program students are given quizzes on didactic materials often and each subject has a final written exam. Remediation for unsuccessful completion of quizzes and exams is tailored to the individual student. As part of a competency based program remediation is aimed at solidifying the necessary knowledge base prior to students moving on to the next part of training. A student progress committee made up of faculty from both training centers, ANTHC, and UW meets to discuss and implement remediation when it is needed. When a student does not progress through remediation, the committee can recommend discontinuation of the student in the program. A similar process is undertaken in regard to clinical work. There

are clinical evaluation criteria employed to assess each student's daily work, competency evaluations to assess readiness before undertaking new procedures on patients, and quarterly grades denoting overall progress. Students struggling clinically will additionally be tasked with helping the student progress committee create a student improvement contract and then to work toward meeting the criteria outlined in the contract during a specified length of time. No student can continue in the program without showing competency, skill level and understanding.

Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.

We plan to submit another application for our future 2<sup>nd</sup> year students since this is a welcome assistance to the Tribal organizations.